

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City of Amity City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present:

Councilor Rachel King, Councilor Ryan Lehman, Councilor Sandy McArthur, Councilor Napua Ann Rich, Councilor April Dyche, Robert Andrade and Mayor Joshua Clark

Councilors Present via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Recorder Natasha Johnson and City Administrator Mike Thomas

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Rich moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Andrade seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

- A. Yamhill County Sheriff's Report: Deputy High gave update regarding parking citations. There were no comments for the YCSO.
- B. DIG Report: Erin Rainey gave update regarding Daffodil Festival. This year they will be doing a March of Daffodils. She went over all the different things that they will be doing. They still need volunteers to help. Councilor King asked if they could share the website. She will have them email information to the city. There were no further comments for DIG.
- C. Citizen Comments: Citizen K. Woodward at 513 Nursery let Council know regarding the unsafe driving conditions. She thinks the speed limit in the City is too high. She has called for increase patrol to watch the area. She has called ODOT and they referred her to the city to look at the traffic study. Her son (minor) spoke up regarding his experience almost getting hit. She would like the speed limit lowered and possibly have the City install a traffic light. Councilor Lehman explained that it is an ODOT highway, and they make those decisions. He will direct Staff to contact ODOT for their traffic study. He gave her background regarding the speed limits. She asked if the City has put in a change order to ODOT. Councilor Lehman explained that the speed has been the same for 30 years. She asked how she can find out if there has been a change for speed and traffic study. Councilor Lehman directed the Administrator to look into the matter and asked Ms. Woodward to contact the Administrator. Councilor Dyche let her know that the Council

is also looking into getting a digital speed feedback sign in town.

Citizen Eve Silverman spoke to Council regarding Yamhill County Cultural Award. She went over the background regarding the County cultural and the awards that they give out and they are looking for nominations for an individual or a group. The deadline to apply is April 15. You can apply online. She will leave posters around town. There were no comments for Eve.

Citizen M. Ashton, who lives at 302 Enos, talked to Council regarding getting cited from YCSO regarding having too many chickens on his property. He is hoping to get the number changed. Councilor Lehman said the Ordinance Chair will consider it. Mr Mark thinks there should be an exception with different property sizes. Councilor Andrade asked him about the chickens and if they would annoy other neighbors. The citizen explained that his other neighbors also have chickens. Administrator Thomas went over further background regarding the ordinance, stating that the ordinance is vague.

Citizen Eli Cox (via zoom) spoke with Council regarding Child Abuse Prevention month. He is asking if the City is interested in doing the proclamation again that the City did last year. They still have the \$250 from last year's donation from the City and will roll it over to this year. Councilor Lehman let him know that the City would be onboard this year for doing that and that there is a recommendation coming up for giving donation this year.

Administrator Thomas gave quick background regarding citizen C. Jared request for waiving some of his utility charges. City Recorder recommended him to come to the meeting and he did not show up. Councilor Lehman recommends waiving half of his bill which would be around \$1,300. Councilor McArthur wanted to know why he waited until now to come to Council after a couple of years and not before. The City didn't have an answer for him regarding it. Councilor King recommends waiving half the bill after taking off what he owes for water which is \$832.47. Councilor Rich doesn't agree to helping with the bill and will not be voting to help waive the bill. Councilor Lehman gave background regarding the next steps on collecting the funds and that the customer let the bill get this high without coming to the City prior. Councilor McArthur made motion to reduce the bill by \$200. Councilor Andrade seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 4-1.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Clark gave his resignation and stepped down and Councilor Lehman stepped in as Mayor since he is the Council President. Administrator Thomas went over the City Charter and Council Rules, detailing the next steps to take regarding Mayor Clark's resignation. Councilor Lehman's recommendation is to open the application process March 4, 2021 and to close it March 19, 2021. All applications are to be reviewed and the eligible ones presented at the next Council meeting. The Council will review the applications and vote for a new Mayor. Councilor Lehman further explained to Council his reasoning. Council all agreed on the dates.

- A. Audit Presentation by Grove, Mueller & Swank: They were not present at the meeting. Administrator Thomas let Council know audit went well and went over the main points.

- B. ODOT Presentation by Paul Welch: P. Welch with ODOT went over the Salt Creek bridge project. He went over questions that were asked to them regarding the Jump Scales. He also answered questions regarding IGA's. Multiple ODOT personnel described the Salt Creek Bridge project, the necessity for the jump scales, and answered questions.

Councilor Lehman let ODOT know that the Council is concerned about them taking over the whole parking lot at our City Park to do their weight inspections. Mayor Lehman directed that ODOT can have their support vehicles there but no truck traffic going through the park. ODOT agreed to only have their support vehicles in the parking lot. ODOT went over the time frame on completing this project.

Councilor Andrade asked regarding Fire Trucks or Ambulance able to get across the bridge. Administrator Thomas explained that we've an agreement to stage Fire vehicles at the water plant.

- C. Approve Donations as Recommended by Finance Committee: Councilor Lehman went over background of the donations. Councilor McArthur moved to approve donations as recommended from the Finance Committee. Councilor Dyche seconded and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

- D. Approval & Acceptance Resignation Planning Commissioner Resignation: Councilor Rich moved to accept the resignation letter from Courtnie Belanger. Councilor Andrade seconded. With no discussion motion passed 5-0.

- E. Appoint Planning Commission Member: Administrator Thomas introduced the applicant. Applicant L. Salvage then also introduced himself. Councilor Lehman asked applicant why he wants to be on the Planning Commission. Applicant explained why he wants to be on the Commission. Councilor Dyche asked if he was familiar with any of the projects that are going to be happening in Amity. Applicant said he isn't aware, but he has been looking at Amity's TSP. Councilor King asked if he has volunteered anywhere else. He explained what all he has done in the past. Councilor McArthur moved to appoint Lou Savage to Amity Planning Commission to a term to expire December 31, 2024. Councilor King seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 5-0.

- F. Resignation of Tourism Committee Member: Administrator Thomas went over resignation of Tourism Committee Member Rod Hickerson. Councilor Rich moved to accept the resignation letter from Rod Hickerson. Councilor McArthur seconded. With no further discussion motion passed 5-0.

- G. Approval Park Cameras Option: Administrator Thomas went over quick background and staff recommendation. Councilor Rich moved to have staff and public works pursue option 3, purchase the cameras, install them in the City Park, and pay the annual fees. Councilor Andrade seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 5-0.

- H. Approval 1st Reading of Ordinance 668, an Ordinance Regarding Homeless Camping in Amity: Administrator Thomas went over background of Ordinance 668. Councilor King moved to conduct a first reading by title only to approve Ordinance 668: A Temporary Ordinance of the City of Amity Addressing Camping within Amity. Councilor McArthur seconded and with

no further discussion motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: Administrator Thomas submitted his report and added that the City has hired for a City Clerk. Chrysy Worthington will be the new City Clerk. He went over the new alarm / key system. There were no comments for City Administrator.

City Recorder/Treasurer Report: City Recorder Johnson submitted her report and had nothing else to add. There were no comments for City Recorder.

Public Works Report: Superintendent Mathis didn't submit his report and was not present at the meeting. There were no comments for Public Works.

Library Report: Librarian Jenkins submitted her report and was not present at the meeting. There were no comments for the library.

City Engineer Billing Report: Billing report submitted. There were no comments.

City Attorney Billing Report: Billing report submitted and there were no comments.

City Planner Billing Report: Billing report submitted and there were no comments.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

Mayor's Comments: Councilor Lehman let Council know that Committees could be reassigned with the new Mayor.

Councilor Ryan Lehman & Finance Report: Councilor Lehman submitted his report and had nothing else to add. There were no comments for Councilor Lehman.

Councilor Sandy McArthur & City Services Report: Councilor McArthur submitted her report and had nothing else to add. There were no comments for Councilor McArthur.

Councilor Robert Andrade & Parks Report: Councilor Andrade submitted his report and had nothing else to add. There were no comments for Councilor Andrade.

Councilor Napua Ann Rich & Community Engagement/Tourism Committee Report: Councilor Rich submitted her report and added that the businesses all received the masks. There were no comments for Councilor Rich.

Councilor King & Infrastructure Report: She submitted her report and had nothing else to add. There were no comments for Councilor King.

Councilor Dyche & Public Safety Report: Councilor Dyche submitted a report and had

nothing to discuss. There were no comments for Councilor Dyche.

Councilor Rich moved to adjourn meeting at 7:55. Councilor Andrade seconded and without further discussion motion passed 5-0.

Approved by City April 7, 2021

Ryan Lehman, Council President

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder